

## General

### Title

Head and neck cancer: proportion of patients with head and neck cancer who undergo CT and/or MRI of the primary site and draining lymph nodes with CT of the chest before the initiation of treatment.

### Source(s)

NHS Scotland, Scottish Cancer Taskforce. Head and neck cancer clinical quality performance indicators. Edinburgh (Scotland): Healthcare Improvement Scotland; 2016 Feb. 33 p. [20 references]

## Measure Domain

### Primary Measure Domain

Clinical Quality Measures: Process

### Secondary Measure Domain

Does not apply to this measure

## Brief Abstract

### Description

This measure is used to assess the proportion of patients with head and neck cancer who undergo computed tomography (CT) and/or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the primary site and draining lymph nodes with CT of the chest before the initiation of treatment.

Note from the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse: This measure is part of the Cancer Quality Performance Indicators (QPIs) collection. For more information, including a complete list of QPI measure sets, please visit the [Healthcare Improvement Scotland Web site](#).

### Rationale

Radiological staging should be carried out before treatment (Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network [SIGN], 2006). This will allow for the multidisciplinary team to determine an accurate stage.

Accurate staging is important to ensure appropriate treatment is delivered to patients with head and neck cancer.

## Evidence for Rationale

NHS Scotland, Scottish Cancer Taskforce. Head and neck cancer clinical quality performance indicators. Edinburgh (Scotland): Healthcare Improvement Scotland; 2016 Feb. 33 p. [20 references]

Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN). Diagnosis and management of head and neck cancer. A national clinical guideline. Edinburgh (Scotland): Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN); 2006 Oct. 90 p. (SIGN publication; no. 90). [511 references]

## Primary Health Components

Head and neck cancer; computed tomography (CT); magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); chest CT; draining lymph nodes

## Denominator Description

All patients with head and neck cancer (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

## Numerator Description

Number of patients with head and neck cancer who undergo computed tomography (CT) and/or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the primary site and draining lymph nodes with CT of the chest before the initiation of treatment (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

## Evidence Supporting the Measure

### Type of Evidence Supporting the Criterion of Quality for the Measure

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical research evidence

A formal consensus procedure, involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, public health and organizational sciences

### Additional Information Supporting Need for the Measure

Unspecified

## Extent of Measure Testing

The collection of data is piloted on a small number of patient records using a paper data collection form produced by Information Services Division (ISD). The aim is to identify any anomalies or difficulties with data collection prior to full implementation. At least one NHS board in each Regional Cancer Network participates in the pilot.

## Evidence for Extent of Measure Testing

NHS Scotland. National cancer quality performance indicators: overview of development process. Edinburgh (Scotland): NHS Scotland; 2012 Dec. 7 p.

# State of Use of the Measure

## State of Use

Current routine use

## Current Use

not defined yet

# Application of the Measure in its Current Use

## Measurement Setting

Ambulatory/Office-based Care

Ambulatory Procedure/Imaging Center

Hospital Outpatient

## Professionals Involved in Delivery of Health Services

not defined yet

## Least Aggregated Level of Services Delivery Addressed

Single Health Care Delivery or Public Health Organizations

## Statement of Acceptable Minimum Sample Size

Unspecified

## Target Population Age

Unspecified

## Target Population Gender

Either male or female

# National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care

## National Quality Strategy Aim

Better Care

# National Quality Strategy Priority

Prevention and Treatment of Leading Causes of Mortality

## Institute of Medicine (IOM) National Health Care Quality Report Categories

### IOM Care Need

Living with Illness

### IOM Domain

Effectiveness

## Data Collection for the Measure

### Case Finding Period

Unspecified

### Denominator Sampling Frame

Patients associated with provider

### Denominator (Index) Event or Characteristic

Clinical Condition

### Denominator Time Window

not defined yet

### Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions

#### Inclusions

All patients with head and neck cancer

#### Exclusions

Patients who undergo diagnostic excision biopsy as the definitive surgery

### Exclusions/Exceptions

not defined yet

### Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions

#### Inclusions

Number of patients with head and neck cancer who undergo computed tomography (CT) and/or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the primary site and draining lymph nodes with CT of the chest before the initiation of treatment

#### Exclusions

Patients who undergo diagnostic excision biopsy as the definitive surgery

## Numerator Search Strategy

Fixed time period or point in time

## Data Source

Electronic health/medical record

Paper medical record

## Type of Health State

Does not apply to this measure

## Instruments Used and/or Associated with the Measure

Unspecified

## Computation of the Measure

## Measure Specifies Disaggregation

Does not apply to this measure

## Scoring

Rate/Proportion

## Interpretation of Score

Desired value is a higher score

## Allowance for Patient or Population Factors

not defined yet

## Standard of Comparison

not defined yet

# Prescriptive Standard

Target: 95%

The tolerance within this target is designed to account for the fact that some patients may have significant co-morbidities or may not be fit for investigation and/or treatment.

## Evidence for Prescriptive Standard

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## Identifying Information

### Original Title

QPI 2 – imaging.

### Measure Collection Name

Cancer Quality Performance Indicators (QPIs)

### Measure Set Name

Head and Neck Cancer

### Submitter

NHS Scotland - National Government Agency [Non-U.S.]

Scottish Cancer Taskforce - National Government Agency [Non-U.S.]

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### Funding Source(s)

Scottish Government

### Composition of the Group that Developed the Measure

Head and Neck Cancer QPI Development Group

### Financial Disclosures/Other Potential Conflicts of Interest

Unspecified

## Adaptation

This measure was not adapted from another source.

## Date of Most Current Version in NQMC

2016 Feb

## Measure Maintenance

The Cancer Quality Performance Indicators (QPIs) will be kept under regular review and be responsive to changes in clinical practice and emerging evidence. Formal reviews are conducted every 3 years and baseline checks each year.

## Date of Next Anticipated Revision

2017 Nov

## Measure Status

This is the current release of the measure.

## Measure Availability

Source document available from the [Healthcare Improvement Scotland Web site](#) .

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## Companion Documents

The following is available:

NHS Scotland. National cancer quality performance indicators: overview of development process. Edinburgh (Scotland): NHS Scotland; 2012 Dec. 7 p. This document is available from the [Healthcare Improvement Scotland Web site](#) .

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